

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
 APPROVAL OF LOCAL)
) Case No.
 RULES FOR)
)
 PORTER COUNTY)

The judges of the Porter Circuit and Superior courts request the approval of newly redrafted Porter County Local Rules. Specifically, this includes Porter County Local Rule LR 28(F), concerning special judge assignments pursuant to Ind. Trial Rule 79, Porter County Local Rule LR 39, concerning the assignment of criminal cases and selection of special judges under Ind. Criminal Rule 2.2, Porter County Local Rule LR 67, concerning court reporters serving the Porter County courts, and Porter County Local Rules LR 9, LR 28, and LR 38, concerning caseload allocation among the courts of Porter County.

Upon examination of the proposed rules submitted by Porter County, and specifically the proposed Porter County Local Rule LR 28(F), this Court finds that Porter County Local Rule LR 28(F) complies with the requirements of Trial Rule 79(H), and, accordingly, should be approved. This Court further finds that Porter County Local Rule LR 38 complies with the requirements of Ind. Criminal Rule 2.2, and, accordingly, should be approved. This Court further finds that Porter County Local Rule LR 67 meets the requirements of Ind. Administrative Rule 15, and, accordingly, should be approved. Finally, this Court finds that Porter County Local Rules LR 9, LR 28, and LR 38, concerning caseload allocation substantially comply with this Court's July 16, 1999 *Order for Development of Local Caseload Plans*.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by this Court that the Porter County Local Rule LR 28(F), set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Porter County Local Rule LR 38, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Porter County Local Rule LR 67, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Porter County Local Rule LR 9, LR 28, and LR 38, set forth as an attachment to this Order, be exempted from the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 81, and be approved, effective December 31, 2004.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a copy of this Order to the Honorable Mary R. Harper, Porter Circuit Court, to the Honorable Roger V. Bradford, Porter Superior Court 1, to the Honorable William E. Alexa, Porter Superior Court 2, to the Honorable Julia M. Jent, Porter Superior Court 3, to the Honorable David L. Chidester, Porter Superior Court 4, to the Honorable Jeffrey L. Thode, Porter Superior Court 5, and to the Clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts.

The Clerk of the Porter Circuit and Superior Courts is directed to place a copy of this Order in the Record of Judgments and Orders for all courts of record in Porter County and to post this Order for public examination.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this ____ day of February, 2005.

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana